

MENLO ATHERTON HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

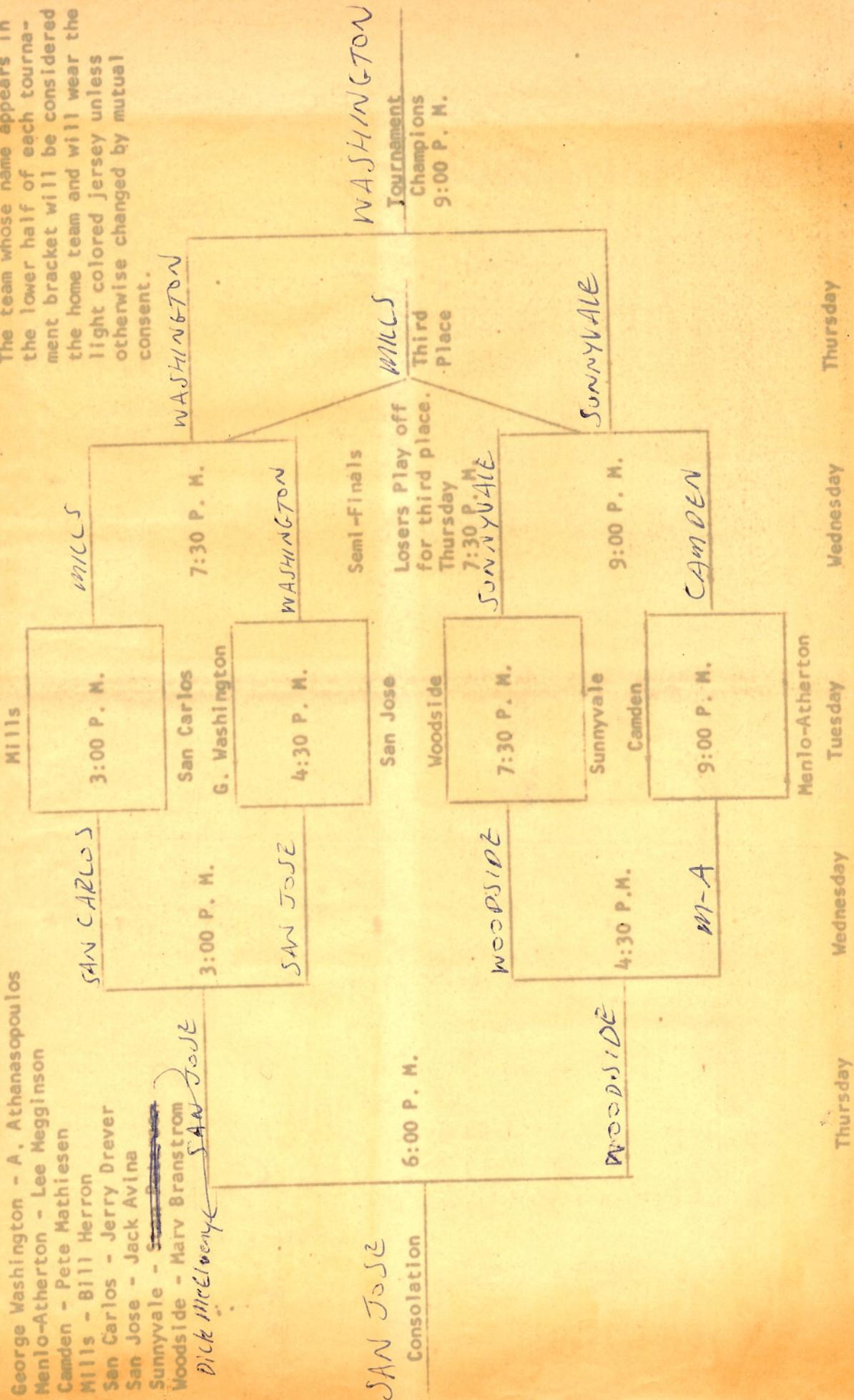
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COACHES:

- George Washington - A. Athanasopoulos
- Menlo-Atherton - Lee Megginson
- Camden - Pete Mathiesen
- Mills - Bill Herron
- San Carlos - Jerry Drever
- San Jose - Jack Avina
- Sunnyvale - ~~Stan~~
- Woodside - Mary Branstrom
- Dick McElroy* - *SAN JOSE*

Color of Jerseys:

The team whose name appears in the lower half of each tournament bracket will be considered the home team and will wear the light colored jersey unless otherwise changed by mutual consent.



Washington Captures Fifth B Tourney Title

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ATHERTON — If championship trophies were basketball players, George Washington High today would have enough from the Menlo-Atherton Holiday Class B Tournament to field a team.

Washington's lightning - fast Eagles won their fifth title in the five-year history of the tourney here last night, professionally dismembering Sunnyvale 51-35.

Mills staged an amazing rally to top Camden 49-44 in overtime for third place and San Jose defeated frigid Woodside 26-20 in the consolation playoff. Host Menlo-Atherton and San Carlos were knocked out of the tourney after the second day by two straight losses.

Ben Stewart hit 10 points to stake Washington to a 12-5 lead in the first quarter and the championship contest was never in question thereafter. The Eagles maintained a 6 to 10 point lead until the middle of the fourth quarter, when they pulled out to their biggest advantage, 47-29.

Stewart with 15 and Miko Shimamoto with 14 points led Wash-

ington scoring. Ed Velazquez and Joe Bacheller topped Sunnyvale with 10 each. Washington's Elliott Wu led rebounders in the game with 15.

In the third place game, Camden led 16-2 in the second quarter but Mills battled back to finally force the game into overtime at 39-39. With two Camden starters benched by fouls, Mills took a 45-43 lead on a jump shot by Ralph Moskowitz with 1:05 left in the overtime and then pulled away on free throws.

Tom Neese of Mills scored 19 points and took 13 rebounds.

Woodside made an ice-cold 18 per cent (7x39) of its shots in the consolation playoff with San Jose. The Wildcats rallied to tie the score at 15 early in the third quarter, but San Jose took back the lead and stayed in front.

San Jose's Chuck Valenzuela, named the tournament's Outstanding Player, set a record of 20 rebounds and scored 14 points against Woodside.

Joining Valenzuela on the seven-man all-tourney team were

Stewart and Wu of Washington, Ed Velazquez of Sunnyvale, Dennis Samansky of Woodside, Neese of Mills and John Hoffer of Menlo - Atherton.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Washington 12 13 8 18-51
Sunnyvale 5 10 10 10-35

WASHINGTON: Wu 7, Kitano 10, Shimamoto 14, Milstein 0, Ishida 5, Stewart 15 (22-7-51). SUNNYVALE: Bishop 6, Roberts 0, Velazquez 10, Bacheller 10, Pate 4, Ulate 2, Muir 2, Corral 1 (11-13-35).

THIRD PLACE GAME

Mills 2 12 12 13 10-49
Camden 11 13 9 6 5-44

MILLS: Merrill 2, Kennedy 3, Bourne 8, South 3, Neese 19, Moskowitz 4, Nicholl 10 (17-15-34). CAMDEN: Sipes 6, Stevenson 5, Da. Gray 3, Ferguson 9, De. Gray 2, Heath 9, L. Smith 6 (15-14-44).

CONSOLATION TITLE GAME

San Jose 6 9 8 3-26
Woodside 5 5 7 3-20

SAN JOSE: Vierra 3, Valenzuela 14, Uyemura 0, Cervantes 2, Acosta 7 (8-10-26). WOODSIDE: Samansky 7, Hindman 3, Ott 3, Clark 3, Roots 2, Jensen 2 (7-6-20).

Paly B. Quint Wins at Buzzer

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HILLSDALE—Billy Lerch muscled in a follow shot at the buzzer and added a free throw after to give Palo Alto High's Class B basketball team a 48-46 interleague victory over Hillsdale here yesterday.

Sam Yamakoshi led Vike scoring with 14 points, followed by Jeff Kerber and Dave Bonnett, each with 10. Paly's record now is 1-1.

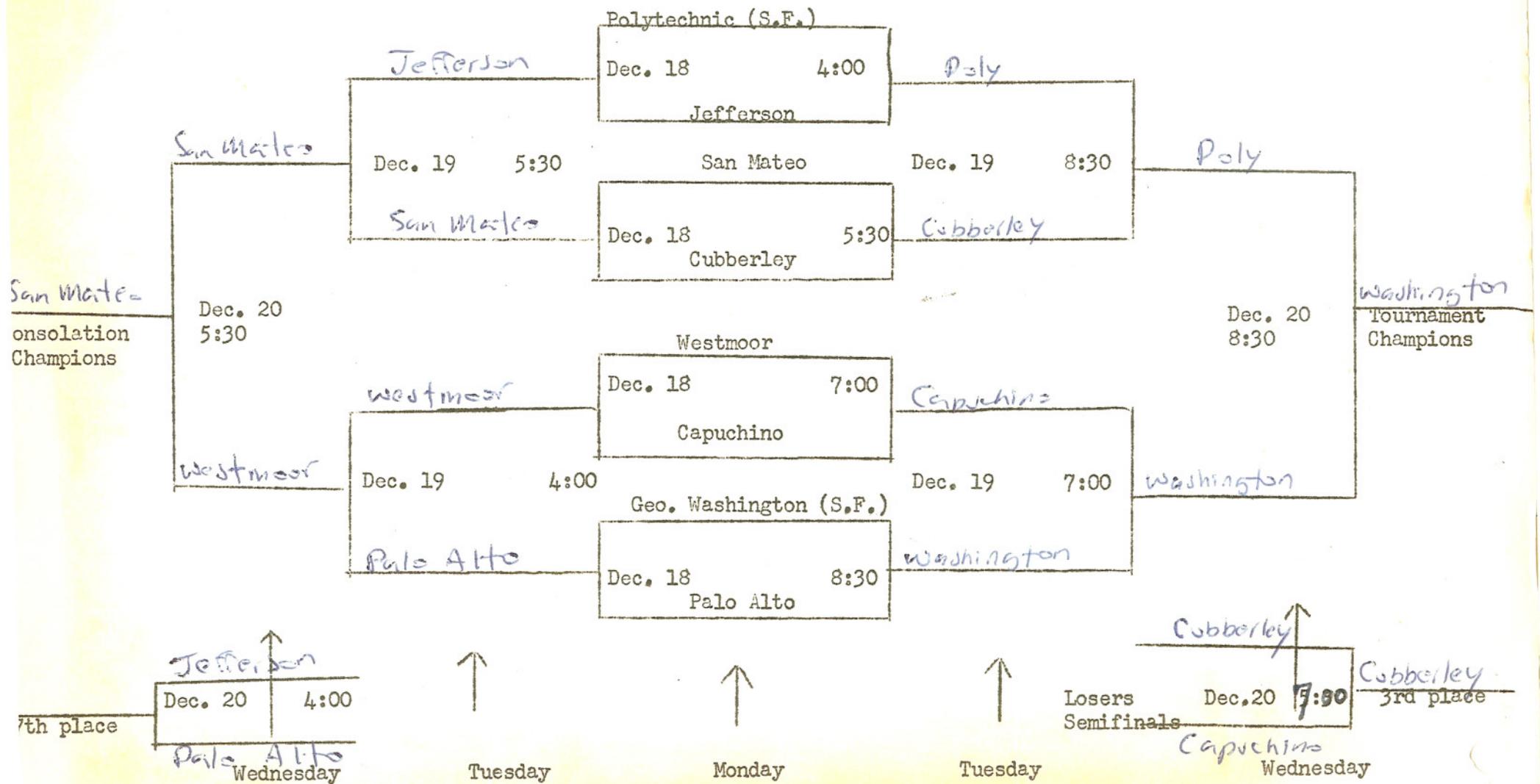
Past Champions:

- 1957 Jefferson (Oak City)
- 1958 Des. Wash (SF)
- 1959 Palo Alto
- 1960 Palo Alto
- 1961 ??

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Poly, Washington meet for crown

By DICK O'CONNOR

It'll be an all-San Francisco final in the fifth annual Palo Alto Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The Polytechnic Parrots meet the Washington Eagles tonight at 8:30 for the championship in the Palo Alto High School gym.

Washington, with deadeye Jim Pandell leading the parade, had a cakewalk into the finals. The Eagles led from the opening minute to beat Capuchino of San Bruno, 53-33.

For Poly, it was a bitter struggle with a Cubberley team that had only half the talent, but twice the desire. Poly finally wore down Cubberley to win, 51-40.

In consolation games, Westmoor defeated Palo Alto 49-45 in overtime, and San Mateo whipped Jefferson, 47-36.

OTHER GAMES

In other games, Palo Alto meets Jefferson at 4, San Mateo and Westmoor play for the consolation crown at 5:30, and Capuchino and Cubberley battle for third place at 7.

Cubberley never was ahead of Poly but the clawing Cougars didn't give the Parrots a chance to breathe easy. Coach Bob Ebert of Poly had his regulars in until the final minute of the contest. By that time three Cubberley starters — Ray Gale, Jeff Dugan and Ron Lukasik — had fouled out.

Gale and Lukasik were the igniters of a Cubberley rally that tied the game 28-28 just before the end of the third quarter. Had it not been for Poly's superior strength on the backboards Cubberley could have gone on to win.

BIG ON BOARDS

But 6-2 Tom Carter and 6-3 Mac Smith, who play several inches taller than that, sparked a Poly spree that netted 13 points while Cubberley was getting two.

Lukasik and Gale were superb on both offense and defense. Gale grabbed 10 rebounds and scored 13 points. Lukasik, who stole the ball from Poly several times, tossed in 14 points. All but two came on a vertical-takeoff jump shot from 20 feet out.

Coach Bud Presley said before the game that he was worried about Poly's edge in size. But the Cougars equaled it with a dazzling display of hustle.

FIRST LOSS

The loss was the first of the season for Cubberley. The Cougars have won three.

Washington's Pandell closed in on the all-time tourney scoring record with his 21 points against Capuchino. He now has 52 points in four games and needs only 10

points to tie the record. Pandell, who instructs his team from the sidelines in a gravel voice that can be heard over the din of a crowd, evened a score with Capuchino.

Two weeks ago Capuchino defeated Washington by 14 points. Pandell did not play in that game.

Lance Lund and Dennis Walker also starred for Washington. Lund was the top rebounder and scored 10 points and Walker got seven points.

Palo Alto rallied in the fourth quarter to tie Westmoor but then fell apart in the overtime period. The winning Rams got six points — four by Mike Daniels — in the overtime.

ONE BASKET

Paly's only overtime score was a basket by Bob Twelvetrees.

John Brown of Westmoor was the high scorer in the game with 18 points. Frank Tarrant of Palo Alto strengthened his bid for an all-tourney spot with 15 points for the Vikes.

Fred Pribble, who has seen only limited duty in the first two Palo Alto games, may have earned a starting shot with 13 points.

Jefferson, the weakest team in the tournament, was no match for San Mateo. Bill Coulter, a 5-9 fireball, scored 20 points for San Mateo.

The Bearcats led all the way. Bob Griggs, another strong contender for an all-tourney spot, scored 14 for San Mateo.

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Tourney box scores

Westmoor	G	F	T	Palo Alto	G	F	T
Allard	4	2	10	Ritchey	4	2	10
Lucket	0	2	2	Tarrant	6	3	15
Daniels	6	2	14	Twelvetres	1	0	2
Brown	5	8	18	Perry	1	0	2
Payette	1	3	5	Bishop	0	1	1
				Johnson	0	1	2
				Pribble	6	1	13

Totals	16	17	49	Totals	19	7	45
Score by quarters:							
Westmoor	14	12	10	7	6	49	
Palo Alto	9	15	8	11	2	45	

San Mateo	G	F	T	Jefferson	G	F	T
Griggs	5	4	14	Reitz	2	2	6
Hammon	2	1	5	Keeling	2	1	5
Colter	9	2	20	Sibley	3	1	3
Vierson	2	0	4	Hannen	1	1	3
Cole	1	0	2	Bodan	1	0	2
Sillman	1	0	2	Crane	0	5	5
				Stoller	2	4	8

Totals	20	7	47	Totals	11	14	36
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Eagles beat Poly, 62-58

Washington wins Palo Alto tourney

Twelve members of the Washington High School team of San Francisco have gold basketballs to show for three nights of work in the fifth annual Palo Alto Invitational tournament.

Washington rallied in the fourth quarter to defeat Poly 62-58 in an all-San Francisco championship game Wednesday night.

In other games Cubberley took third place with a 45-40 win over Capuchino, Westmoor was clobbered 71-47 by San Mateo in the consolation finals, and Palo Alto defeated hapless Jefferson 53-31 for seventh place.

ALL-TOURNEY

There were additional honors for three members of the Washington team, Jim Pandell, Dennis Walker and Lance Lund were named to the all-tournament team.

If there had been a most valuable player named, the award probably would have gone to Pandell.

He scored 20 points in the final game. That gave him a total of 72 points for the three tourney games — 11 more than the old record of 61 set five years ago by Bruce Cassell of Lincoln High School in San Jose.

Pandell was not the whole show for Washington, however. Walker came through with 10 vital points. Lund got 16 points and was the major rebound contributor for the Eagles.

UNSUNG HERO

There was another player who deserves credit according to coach John McGrath. Tim Delezene, unheralded but a key man in the win, put Washington ahead to stay in the fourth quarter.

He flipped in a lay-in shot to give Washington a 57-56 lead and then made a free throw to increase the margin.

The three points came with 70 seconds to play. Poly tied the game 58-58 on a jump shot by

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Tournament box scores

CHAMPIONSHIP							
S.F. Poly	G	F	T	S.F. Wash.	G	F	T
Fonteno	5	0	10	Pandell	6	8	20
Smith	4	1	9	Lund	8	0	16
King	7	4	18	Delezene	3	3	9
Jackson	3	1	7	Walker	5	0	10
Carter	5	2	12	Anderson	3	0	6
Nawayane	1	0	2	Piper	0	1	1

Totals	25	8	58	Totals	25	12	62
Score by quarters:							
S.F. Poly	9	16	17	16	58		
S.F. Washington	13	16	18	15	62		

Joe Fonteno but that was the Parrots last peep.

Lund hit a twisting jumper from 20 feet with 35 seconds to play and then Pandell made two free throws with 20 ticks left on the clock.

LEAD CHANGES

The lead changed hands 11 times in the game and, fortunately for Washington, it made the last change.

Coach Bob Ebert felt that his Poly team lost the game the night before.

"That game with Cubberley in the semifinals took a lot out of us. We looked tired in the finals," he explained.

He took nothing away from Washington. And he wasn't disappointed in the way his team played.

"It was a great game," Ebert said.

The top players for Washington were Fonteno, a 5-7 ball-handling whiz, and 6-3 Henry King, a fine rebounder and deadly scorer on tip shots.

SECOND LOSS

The loss was only the second in nine games for Poly. For Washington it was the sixth win in nine starts.

The Eagles took home the championship trophy for the second time. They also won at Palo Alto in 1958. McGrath, who felt each of his 12 players had a hand in the win, received a desk set as the winning coach.

Other players on the all-tourney team were King and Fonteno of Poly, Frank Tarrant of Palo Alto, Bob Griggs and Bill Coulter of San Mateo, and Ray Gale and Ron Lukasik of Cubberley.

Gale and Lukasik each scored 13 points in Cubberley's win over Capuchino.

GALE COMES THROUGH

Gale got four of his points — all free throws—in the final minute against Cap. A Cubberley lead of one point suddenly was up to five.

Cubberley led all the way to win its fourth game of the year against one loss. The Cougars don't play again until the SPAL opener on Jan. 5.

Palo Alto finally won a game. The Vikes had dropped three in a row before clouting Jefferson. Fred Pribble, who didn't play much in the first two games, scored 18 points for Palo Alto to take top scoring honors for the second straight game.